Amendments to the Claims:

1. **(original)** A hermetic electrically driven compressor comprising a compressor element elastically supported in an enclosed container, a crankshaft provided with said compressor element, a motor element for driving said compressor element, and a cup-shaped stopper fixed to the inside upper part of said enclosed container and having a protrusion at its inner circumferential side, wherein the upper end portion of said crankshaft extends into said stopper.

2. **(original)** The hermetic electrically driven compressor of claim 1, wherein said protrusion is formed integrally with the stopper by draw forming.

3. **(currently amended)** The hermetic electrically driven compressor of claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said protrusion is formed in a groove shape along the vertical direction of the stopper inside.

4. **(currently amended)** The hermetic electrically driven compressor of claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the leading end portion of said protrusion is formed in a curvature.

5. **(original)** The hermetic electrically driven compressor of claim 3, wherein the leading end portion of said protrusion is formed in a curvature.

6. **(currently amended)** The hermetic electrically driven compressor of claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston moving reciprocally in the compressor chamber, and said protrusion is provided in a direction nearly vertical to the direction of reciprocal motion of the piston.

7. **(original)** The hermetic electrically driven compressor of claim 3, wherein said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston moving reciprocally in the compressor chamber, and said protrusion is provided in a direction nearly vertical to the direction of reciprocal motion of the piston.

8. **(original)** The hermetic electrically driven compressor of claim 4, wherein said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston moving reciprocally in the compressor chamber, and said protrusion is provided in a direction nearly vertical to the direction of reciprocal motion of the piston.

9. **(original)** The hermetic electrically driven compressor of claim 5, wherein said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston moving reciprocally in the compressor chamber, and said protrusion is provided in a direction nearly vertical to the direction of reciprocal motion of the piston.

10. **(new)** The hermetic electrically driven compressor of claim 2, wherein said protrusion is formed in a groove shape along the vertical direction of the stopper inside.

11. **(new)** The hermetic electrically driven compressor of claim 2, wherein the leading end portion of said protrusion is formed in a curvature.

12. **(new)** The hermetic electrically driven compressor of claim 2, wherein said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston moving reciprocally in the compressor chamber, and said protrusion is provided in a direction nearly vertical to the direction of reciprocal motion of the piston.